

**ABSTRACT**

5       The present invention relates to a compound to selectively kill or  
protect a target cell in a patient with reduced systemic toxicity, which  
comprises a compound of the formula: W-Z-X wherein, X is a toxic agent or  
protective agent; W is a biologically active molecule which is adapted to  
selectively bind the target cell directly or indirectly; and Z is a breakable linker  
which covalently links W and X together, wherein the linked W remains  
10   bioavailable and bioactive, whereby the breakable linker releases the toxic  
agent or protective agent into the cell.